



Terwilliger Fire Update

Northwest Incident Management Team 8, Incident Commander, Doug Johnson
September 15, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

Special Announcements: Forest Service Road (FR) 19 is closed to the public due to unsafe conditions from falling rocks, debris and fire weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 408 south to Box Canyon. Firefighters are allowed on portions of FR 19 where mitigations to reduce risks have been taken. No fire traffic, except for emergency vehicles, are allowed on FR 19 adjacent to the Cougar Reservoir; beginning from the junction of FR 415 south the FR 1985. The Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs remain closed. The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for the protection to themselves and firefighters.

Acreage: 10,986

Containment: 66%

Public Information Phone: (541) 719-8135 Available 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Information Websites: Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/>

Resources: Total personnel assigned – 389: 1-type 1 hand crew, 6-type 2 IA hand crews, 2-camp crews, 1-heavy lift helicopter, 1-medium lift helicopter, 1-light lift helicopters, 14-engines, 1-dozer, 9-water tenders, and 5-tracked heavy equipment.

Current Fire Information: Minimal fire activity was observed. The northeast corner of the fire in the East Fork of the South Fork of the McKenzie River continues to creep slowly east into the Three Sisters Wilderness. Fire crews are monitoring fire activity from the air and ground. Preparation of FR 1993 as a containment line began with the removal of brush and ladder fuels in anticipation of potential fire movement up the drainage. Gridding (systematic patrol) and mopping-up heat on the west flank near the private lands is ongoing. Emphasis on locating and cooling hotspots is of the utmost importance along the west line to ensure containment lines will hold if tested in the future by strong east winds. Chipping operations are ongoing along FR 208.

Planned Actions: Fire crews will grid the fire perimeter and mop up hot spots where fire suppression activities have occurred. Chipping of material will be ongoing. Helicopters are available for reconnaissance and water drops as needed. Today, priority will be given to the west flank to mop-up and complete suppression repairs.

Restrictions: The Willamette National Forest has implemented a Forest-wide campfire ban, which includes all campgrounds and Wilderness areas. For specific information on Forest Order 06-18-01-18-18, see the Willamette National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice>.

Closures: An Area Closure has been issued by the Willamette National Forest for the protection and safety of the public and firefighters. Closure order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed in its entirety at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/). Hunters and recreationists are encourage to “Know Before You Go”. Public lands are open but are under full restrictions and some fire closures at this point. This will not change

until the area receives significant rainfall. If entering an area previously burned keep aware for potential issues.

Evacuations: There are currently NO evacuation notices in place for this fire.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Temporary flight restrictions (TFR) are in effect around the entire fire area. Remember, that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unauthorized, unmanned aircraft systems (drones). **If you fly, we can't!**

Air Quality: For smoke monitoring information, see Oregon Department of Environmental Quality <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> or <https://oregonSmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://www.lrapa.org>

Weather: Cloudy skies mixed with smoke near the fire area is forecasted for today. Temperatures of highs of 62-67 degrees and a relative humidity of 40-57%. Winds will be variable through 10:00 am then increasing this afternoon 5-10 mph from the west with gusts to 18 mph.

